GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Criminals Operating in Punjab
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether gangs of criminals operating in Punjab"s border areas may be affecting the country"s national security;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether a communique has been sent to Punjab Police by the Indian Army; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the State Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)

(a) & (b): As per reports, criminal gangs operating in Punjab's border areas are not affecting the country's National security.
(c) & (d): A communication has been received by the Punjab Police from Indian Army regarding extortion of money from Military Engineering Services (MES) contractors. The accused have been arrested and a case has been registered by the Punjab Police. The following steps have been taken by the State Government to deal with the situation :
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i) Special Task Force (STF) has been created by the Punjab Police which is being headed by an IGP rank officer.
ii) The activities of criminals lodged inside the jails who are indulging in crimes, are being monitored.
iii) The field police officers have been sensitized to deal with such crimes effectively.
iv) The special campaign has been lodged by Punjab Police to nab the absconding gangsters.
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